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## **Petition for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time period for responding to the Office Action of December 11, 2006, from March 11, 2007 to April 11, 2007. Applicant further petitions that any and all extensions of the term necessary to render timely the filing of the accompanying or any future responses be granted. The Large Entity fee of \$120.00 has been paid by credit card.

In the event that the Commissioner determines that an additional extension of time or an additional fee is required for consideration of Applicant's appended Reply, the Commissioner is requested to consider this submission to be a request for such additional extension of time, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-0460, referencing attorney docket number 0219.0016C (2030-145).

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